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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

Banish the future; live only for the hour and its allotted work. Think not of the amount to be accomplished, the difficulties to be overcome, but set earnestly at the little task at your elbow, letting that be sufficient for the day; for surely our plain duty is "not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."

William Osler.

The Appropriation Law Decision

Though lawyers may still differ as to the soundness of the opinion of the supreme court in the matter of the general appropriation bill, the opinion serves public policy. There was sufficient vagueness of the law in dispute to warrant an interpretation which shall henceforth be known as the law. It is now settled that neither the legislature nor the governor was right in their handling of the appropriation bill so that henceforth both branches of the legislature will avoid that particular conflict.

A contrary opinion by the court would have made necessary the holding of another session of the legislature within a year of the time when another legislature will meet in regular session. There is a general impression that enough money has been spent on the second legislature.

The embarrassment which has been caused by the holding up of the appropriated funds has been offset by the securing of a definite pronouncement by the supreme court and has been much more than offset by directing public attention to the evil of continuing appropriations against which The Republican inveighed throughout all the sessions of the legislature last winter and spring. On this subject we quote from the opinion of the court:

"The appellant argues with much force that statutes making annual continuing appropriations of the public revenues are dangerous and tend to open the doors of extravagance and directly lead to the squandering of the revenues. This argument is addressed to the policy of such laws, not to the power of the legislature to enact them. The argument is properly one for the consideration of the legislature, not for the court's consideration."

It is bad enough to conduct the public business without a budget system but it is outrageous to provide unlimited appropriations from which countless commissions and numberless offices may draw without any sort of a check as they have done in the past. The litigation now ended has had the beneficial effect of holding up to some extent the usual raid on these continuing appropriations thus far, so that whatever waste and extravagance may run riot next year, so much, at least, has already saved.

It should be the first duty of the next legislature to wipe out all these continuing appropriations. That legislation should be no part of appropriation legislation but the first bill introduced in each house should provide for the repeal of such statutory appropriations. It would be proper for voters who desire to curb extravagance, to demand pledges from candidates for the legislature to support such a repealing law for in these continuing appropriations there is a continual temptation to extravagance.

More than that, the constitution itself should be so amended as to prohibit such continuing appropriations for as the supreme court says:

"We have been unable, after diligent search to find any constitutional limitation upon the power of the legislature to enact annual continuing appropriation laws, and appellant has pointed out none. Before the constitution was adopted such appropriation laws existed on our statute books without question, and at the time of statehood a number of such laws were in force. Section 2 of Article XXII, State Constitution, continued in force "All laws of the Territory of Arizona, now in force, not repugnant to this Constitution, until they expire by their own limitation or are altered or repealed by law." Without a doubt Paragraph 2571, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1901, was carried forward as a law in force by the first provision of the constitution, and it was so understood by the first State Legislature which lifted the said Paragraph 2571 and inserted it in the Civil Code of 1913 as Paragraph 4469 thereof."

But that is something for the people to do. It is not always certain that legislatures will do what is expected of them and in order that the taxpayers may be on the safe side they should initiate an amendment to the constitution to eliminate forever this relic of the territorial days.

The Local Cotton Outlook.

The co-operation of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the agricultural department and the agricultural extension service of the university with the Egyptian cotton growers will give a new impetus to that industry in this valley. The bureau gave it its start here and even went beyond the function of the bureau—that of experimentation, to encourage and foster it. After that, growers have been left for the most part to their own devices. They have had the help of one another through their organizations, and

representatives of the bureau have always given them such personal attention as they could.

Now with the field work proposed and the general diffusing of information with regard to the soil, seed and varieties of cotton to be planted, the cultivation of the textile here should in all cases be successful. No doubt a greater interest than ever will be taken in the cotton growing industry.

This work will be under the direction of Mr. E. W. Hudson who for several years has been in charge of the department's experiments at Sacaton. Mr. Hudson is a trained expert as he has demonstrated at Sacaton where last year he succeeded in producing two bales of cotton to the acre on an experimental tract of four acres. This yield which under similar conditions ought to be produced in almost any part of the valley was the result of extensive and scientifically directed experiments. Every farmer in the valley growing cotton will have the benefit of his knowledge of planting, cultivating and irrigating.

The agricultural department has always taken a deep interest in the industry in this valley, not because it was especially desirous of favoring the people of this region above all others but because of the unusual conditions prevalent here, favorable to the success of the industry—the comparative immunity of this region from the pests and diseases so harmful to cotton, and the isolation of the valley which makes it so much easier to guard against a deterioration of the quality of the cotton through the admixture of inferior varieties.

The work of the bureau and the extension service will not be confined to enabling growers to produce high grade cotton and more of it than they could produce unaided. Through the work of the bureau and the service there will be a closer co-operation of growers for the production of a standard grade of high quality and there will be a solution of the marketing problem. It was that unsolved problem and the European conditions that left it insoluble last year that discouraged some growers, but the farmers this year did very well and if all of them who had planted the year before had done so this year they would have participated in the benefits of the good prices this year.

With a standard grade of cotton such as is now being grown and such as can always be grown and improved upon in this valley, with the limited area in the world in which such cotton can be produced and with such a system of co-operation as is now proposed, the farmers should enjoy the greatest confidence in the future.

The Santa Monica City Attorney

We congratulate the new commission government of Santa Monica, California on having secured the services of Hon. Francis J. Heney as city attorney. At first glance to what would seem to be a rather small niche for a man of Mr. Heney's calibre and reputation, but we have no doubt that he regards the success of that form of government as an advancement of progressive ideas, so that any contribution he can make to the success of it will be regarded by him as a national rather than as a merely local service.

It is in the power of a city attorney to do much either to advance or to discredit the commission form of government. The latter could easily be passively accomplished since politicians generally are trying to discredit it. But nothing will be passively done by Mr. Heney and passivity will not be a feature of any government of which he may be a part.

Santa Monica like most California towns is constantly seeking publicity. Though the commission form of government has become so common that its adoption now by any city or town no longer creates a ripple, the personality of the city attorney of Santa Monica will attract the attention of the whole country to the experiment with the government there if not to the delights of which Californians communities boast.

We understand from the dispatches that the sinking of the Ysaka Maru with the richest cargo lost during the war, has "aroused Tokio" presumably with resentment against Austrian or German submarines. The Japanese always were an impulsive people, easily moved to unreasonable anger. An American passenger we learn, though saved, was in peril of the sea when the vessel went down and we suppose that fact opens the way to our state department for the transmission of note No. 1169.

We have seen no mention of a reply by the French government to our protest of a week ago against the holding up and search by French warships of American vessels and the removal of passengers and members of crews. "We trust that our state department will remind the French who are notoriously polite that it is not polite to neglect correspondence in this manner, and especially in our case when we are lying awake nights to devise subjects of correspondence."

There is only one day more in which to toss nickels, dimes, quarters, halves and dollars into the kettle of the Salvation Army. They, the kettles, are easily found on many down town corners. Every nickel you throw in will make some little boy's or some little girl's eyes glisten with pleasure tomorrow. You cannot buy joy so cheap anywhere else. Those kettles are regular bargain-counters for satisfaction.

There are indications now that Mexico will become orderly—until after the presidential election and herein is the difference between the United States and Mexico. We have our disorders before the elections.

Those who do not do their Christmas shopping early, that is to say, within the next ten or twelve hours will not do it at all this year. Thus will punishment fall upon all laggards tonight.

A SURE SIGN

Is any further proof needed that the Germans are in desperate straits? Berlin is manufacturing a substitute for beer.—New York Telegraph.

Uncensored Sense and Nonsense

(By Remiko)

"What we want is sympathy,"

thought often we deny it.

For sympathy works wonders,

if you believe it, try it.

And the withholding of it,

is a very selfish sign.

That puts a hard upenne,

and gives all men a line

On the narrow jealous nature,

that lurks within your shell

And holds the world aloof from one,

and happiness, as well.

Its praise and love and sympathy

that moves the world along

And makes of life, as some one said,

"one grand sweet song."

Co-operation among men

is working sympathy

And without it all our business

would fall of unity.

We co-operate for business sake

and highly praise the plan

Why not, for unity in life,

praise individual man?

Reach out in wholesome sympathy

and help someone through

De big and broad and Godlike—

take in his point of view

And if your little view-point

seems the only one to you

Look at the other fellow's

and broaden out to two.

If you make a business of it,

You will very shortly find

That others will allude to you

as having breath of mind

And that expresses sympathy

and also it fortells

That there will be some action

in certain unused cells

That long in your brain cranium,

all dormant-like have lain

And formed part of the "settling,"

which you regard as barren.

A word, or act, or thought, may

be a little honest praise,

Has saved a man from suicide,

and one from criminal ways.

Two many men are striving,

to better their condition

Two many men are wandering,

and losing their ambition

And because we do not brace them

with sympathetic aid

And co-operate by praising

the success they have made

Men are only grown-up children

and throughout the manly days

And receptive, even eager

to be cheered with words of praise.

Give him a lift, boots him a little,

He's a proud devil and will die game,

but he's a little child and a few words

of praise will cause him to carry on

lots more work.

Every stick of wood he puts in the

box is fuel for your fire. Sympathy

and broadness, praise and well-wish-

ing—all a part of the Christmas spirit—

it tells him he's a winner. He won't

hurt you and it will help him.

If any one desirous of perpetrating

Christmas jokes on the editor of this

column—make it a turkey, or a box

of apples or a sack of flour, or a sack

of lard, or a Ford touring car—

though we would accept a sack of

Bull Durham rather than be missed

altogether.

Christmas is a good thing, but glad

it don't come any oftener than it

does.

AJO ROAD BEFORE THE ROTARY CLUB

Much Discussed Question to Be Aired Before Rotarians This Noon

At today's meeting of the Rotary club, to be held in the Adams dining room, the subject of the Ajo road will be taken up and discussed. A number of members who have been over the road will be on hand to give their version of the controversy.

It is expected that the club will appoint a committee to go over the road to secure a report. The matter of the road and the business possibilities to be obtained in Ajo will then be put up to the Chamber of Commerce and Phoenix generally.

Owing to today being just before Christmas, the luncheon will be held from 12:10 to 1:00 instead of the regular time of 1:20, and will be held in the main dining room of the Adams, instead of the grill.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TOAST COMMANDER

Members of Local Lodge and Visiting Knights Are Invited to Partake

Following a custom ages old, and world-wide, the members of Phoenix Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar will meet in their assembly on Christmas morning at ten o'clock, when they will drink a toast to the acting Most Eminent Grand Master, Lee S. Smith.

Each Christmas day finds the Templars all over the world assembled and partaking of this toast.

The invitation to the local knights is sent out by Frank Thomas, Eminent Commander. The knights are also asked in the invitation to be present in response of the Committee on Christmas Observance. An interesting short program has been prepared.

Hire a little salesman at The Republican office. A want ad will see more customers than you can.

LARGE SUM NETTED BY THOSE SELLING PAPERS FOR CHARITY

Business and Professional Men Turn Out and With Aid of Young Girl Raise Much Cash for Xmas Work Among the Poor

The munificent sum of \$147.13 was raised yesterday morning by a number of business men and one small girl, for charity. This sum was realized by the simple expedient of taking out a copious quantity of Republicans on the streets, and selling them to all who happened to pass their way.

Although only thirteen men and as before mentioned one little girl turned up, the results were far in excess of the expectations of the committee in charge. Miss Elizabeth Gillespie was the doctory little maid who cast all false ideas aside and went out and showed a number of her elders how to sell papers. She was highly successful and managed to raise by her own diminutive efforts the sum of \$5.49 which she duly and gravely turned in to Circulation Manager Eddie Powell of The Republican.

The list as given below may be incomplete in one or two names. But last evening this was the record turned over to The Republican. If there are any more members of the selling squad who have failed to make returns, it will be appreciated if the money is at once turned in, as the time in which it is to be spent for the city's poor is rapidly drawing to a close.

Following is the list of names of those who sold papers, and the amount each one made:

C. D. Young	\$3.11
G. H. Coffin	\$1.50
H. W. Chambers	\$12.25
J. R. Gillespie	\$14.40
Elizabeth Gillespie	\$5.49
Dr. C. B. Mitchell	\$3.84
H. E. Sharum	\$8.50
T. A. LeMaster	\$5.55
Dr. Gillespie	\$9.43
Eddie Doyle	\$4.00
C. E. Pettit	\$4.50
C. F. Gerard	\$2.75
Dwight R. Heard and Franklin Lane	\$2.00
Camadas' Restaurant	\$1.50
Total	\$147.13

GREETINGS FOR THE POPE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

ROME, Dec. 23.—A Pope Benedict today received the sacred college headed by Cardinal Vannuffelli, which visited the pontiff for extending Christmas greetings. The pope returned the greetings warmly and expressed regret that "man's weakness which had caused the European configuration, which prevent the traditional rejoicings this season." He hoped that peace would reign again before next Christmas.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENT

James S. Casey of the firm of Edlinwood & Ross of Bisbee, counsel for Phelps Dodge & Co., was in the city yesterday for the purpose of filing applications for the admission to patent of six mining claims held by the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company. The claims embrace 288 acres.

FIFTEEN HAPPY CHILDREN

A fortnightly sewing club whose members number less than a dozen will give a Christmas tree to fifteen children of the city this evening at the home of Mrs. William Studor. Santa Claus will be present and everything that tends toward making a young girl's Christmas happy will be recognized by this small group of women who are giving joy to those who might otherwise know none of the holiday. Besides Mrs. Studor, those who are planning the affair are Mrs. P. D. McVay, Mrs. R. E. Gillen, Mrs. Leroy Ladd, Mrs. A. R. Clark and Mrs. D. D. Northrup.

RECEPTION TO SANTA CLAUS

The primary class of Miss Ellis' kindergarten will give a reception to Santa Claus at the Woman's club this afternoon. They have made extensive preparation for the affair and Santa Claus will have the time of his life. The idea is to put Santa Claus in a good humor for his duties tomorrow night. The children will sing for him.

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and dance for him and tell him stories and will otherwise point out to him that they are good children and worthy of his attention and liberality. And if he does not reciprocate in the matter of stockings he is not the kind of an old fellow he has always been thought to be. The festivities will begin promptly at four o'clock.

California Restaurant

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Special Bill of Fare

Consomme Prin Tonier Royal
Chicken Bouillon
Celery Olives Radishes
Fillet of Sol and Tartar Sauce
Club Fatte
Broiled Fillet of Beef With Mushrooms
Stuffed Tomato a La Reine
Bluepoint Oyster Cocktail
Stuffed Turkey With Cranberry Sauce
Cauliflower Au Gratin
Snow Flake Mashed Potatoes
Club June Peas Fresh Butter
Fruit Salad
Plum Pudding a La Angrise
Fruit Cake
Coffee



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Electric Coffee Percolator \$10 to \$12.75	Electric Heating Pad \$6.50-\$7.50
Electric Immersion Heater \$3-\$5	Electric Table Lamp \$2-\$2.25
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